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Group Art Unit: 3635

Examiner: YVONNE MICHELE
HORTON

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INTERVIEW RECORD

Sir:

On April 20, 2005, Applicant's attorney (William C. Rowland) and Applicant's representative (Darko Pervan) met with U.S. Patent & Trademark Office personnel (including Examiner Horton and her supervisor, Supervisory Examiner Friedman) to discuss the procedural history of the above-captioned application.


At the interview, in addition to discussing the procedural history, the Examiners raised the subject of a potential rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 4,819,932 (Trotter). In regard to Trotter, Applicant's attorney reminded the Examiners that the Trotter reference had already been applied against the parent application (S.N. 08/436,224) and that rejection was previously withdrawn. In particular, Applicant's attorney explained that Trotter does not teach or suggest a strip extending substantially an entire length of the joint edge or the mutual displacement features of the claims.

On April 21, 2005, an Office Action was issued in the above-captioned application. During a subsequent telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney, the Examiner indicated that the April 21, 2005 Office Action would be superseded by a new Office Action and that a response to the April 21, 2005 Office Action was not required. See the response filed on June 22, 2005 wherein withdrawal of the April 21, 2005 Office Action is referenced.

Respectfully submitted,

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